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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA;
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On 8/31/76, a confidential source who has provided reliable information in the past, reported the following information: (S) (U)

Various Argentine intelligence agencies have been working on a priority investigation to attempt to establish links between the Cuban Embassy in Buenos Aires and the two major Argentine terrorist organizations, the People's Revolutionary Army (ERP) and the Montoneros. In this connection, a highly classified document was passed through Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE) channels indicating that two employees of the Cuban Embassy in Buenos Aires Jesús Cejas Arias and Cresencio Galanena Hernández, were clandestinely picked up by one of the Argentine intelligence services on 8/9/76 in Buenos Aires and under severe interrogation had admitted that they were Cuban Intelligence Service (COIS) officers affiliated with the DGI. (S) (U)

According to the SIE document, both CEJAS and GALANENA admitted that they were contacts of the ERP. (S) (U)

On 9/1/76, a second confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past provided the following information: (S) (U)

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NOTE: Re Bue cable, 9/3/76 under the Orestes Ruiz Hernández caption. See Bue file 105-1348.

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Officers of the SIE and the State Secretariat for Information (SIDE) abducted Cejas and Galanena in Buenos Aires on 8/9/76, based on evidence that they were working with the ERP. Cejas and Galanena both admitted that they were CUIS-DGI officers and that they had been in contact with ERP officers in Buenos Aires in connection with the terrorist activities of the latter organization. Cejas and Galanena also provided the identities of other CUIS-DGI officers assigned to the Cuban Embassy in Buenos Aires under diplomatic cover. After intensive interrogation lasting for approximately five days, both Cejas and Galanena were executed. (S) (U)

To cover the disappearance of Cejas and Galanena, their Argentine diplomatic credentials were mailed to the Associated Press office in Buenos Aires on 8/16/76, with a note written by them under duress before they were executed, indicating that they were defecting. (S) (U)

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